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## WARE HONORS VETERANS

### Memorial Day services stay small

By Melina Bourdeau  
Staff writer

WARE – To “maintain some sense of normalcy,” a small ceremony was held in Aspen Grove Cemetery on Monday to honor those who died serving their country.

The ceremony was held in front of the Civil War Monument and was videotaped by Ware Community Television to be shared later on.

Edward Knight, Belchertown resident and a member of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, opened the ceremony with a speech.

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*from afar*

Belchertown resident Edward Knight played taps in Aspen Grove Cemetery on Monday.

## Re-opening Municipal Building discussed

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARREN – Selectmen discussed opening up the Municipal Building to the public at their last meeting on May 19, which will take place in the next week or so after officials have made some physical changes to town offices.

Selectmen Chairman Dario Nardi said masks, gloves, Plexiglas shields look to be “the new normal,” and once it re-opens to the public the building’s hours will be restricted to Monday through Wednesday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. He said the town’s facilities person needed time to clean the building every day.

He said if employees do not have child care available, they could take leave family leave. One town employee questioned whether she would be able to work from home at least part of the time, to which Nardi said he would check with the town’s computer consultant, Northeast IT. “I’m not opposed to that, you might end up working from home two days a week and coming in two days a week,” he said.

Selectman John Nason III agreed working from home at least part of the time may be the new normal as well.

Nardi also said it will be necessary for those who come to the Municipal Building to wear masks and if papers are being signed, gloves will also be necessary. “There is no reason somebody shouldn’t be wearing a mask,” he said. “If they’re not wearing mask, they should be offered one and if they refuse, they should be turned away, he said. “It’s not being mean, it’s being protective of yourself.”

He said Board of Health Chairman Ken Lacey would be requiring voters who come to the polls for the Annual Town Election on June 16, to wear masks and gloves.

### Hazardous building

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said an unoccupied building at 71 Pine St., which had a fire in the past, should come down soon because part of the front of the house had come down on its own within the previous couple of days. The town has solicited estimates for taking it down, which range from \$15,000 to \$25,000, according to Rebecca Acerra, the selectmen’s administrative assistant.

“I’m very concerned about it,” Lavoie said. “We’ve got to have it fenced off so no gets in there,”

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## Tradition continues during a pandemic school year

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARREN – Many of the traditions seniors at Quaboag Regional School District usually take part in have changed dramatically, with graduation still evolving due and the school building closed to them, due to COVID-19 restrictions, but seniors have at least one tradition left to them: painting the rock in front of the school to reflect the Class of 2020.

“It’s been hectic in our grade,” said senior Caitlin Rice. “But we are looking forward to graduation, and we’re all looking to forward to moving on. Most of us are going to college, and have a lot of big plans for our lives.”

Although many students have big plans, tradition still called them to the annual painting of the rock, which last Thursday still sported the Class of 2019 log with cougar prints on each side.

The Class of 2020 will be painted on it with a cougar, the school mascot, wearing a mask that reads COVID-19, the seniors said. But first, they had to scrape off different areas of peeling paint before they could repaint the rock. They were enjoying themselves last Thursday, with plenty of sunshine and extra scrapers and paint brought by teacher James Joinville.

They said a new tradition

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## Memorial Day made special for WWII veteran

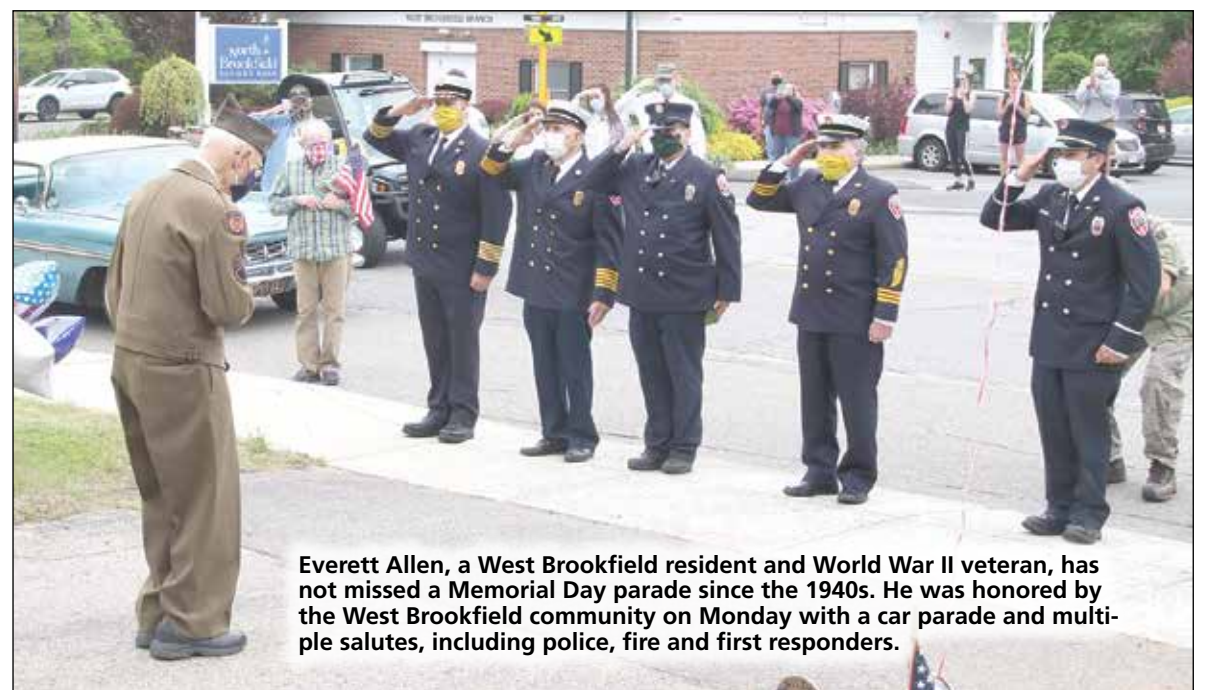
Everett Allen honored with car parade

By Melina Bourdeau  
Staff writer

WEST BROOKFIELD – Without a formal Memorial Day ceremony, 99-year-old Everett Allen was not planning on missing his annual tradition of honoring those that lost lives serving their country. However, he never anticipated an hour-long parade past his house on Memorial Day.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the typical Memorial Day ceremony in town was cancelled, but with a post on social media, the idea of a car parade past Allen’s house grew into a large event.

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Everett Allen, a West Brookfield resident and World War II veteran, has not missed a Memorial Day parade since the 1940s. He was honored by the West Brookfield community on Monday with a car parade and multiple salutes, including police, fire and first responders.

Turley Publications staff photo by Melina Bourdeau

## Bathing workshop connects women with woodlands

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff writer

HARDWICK — It has been said being outdoors can have a healing quality, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually as well. In the midst of the forest, with the earth beneath our feet, we can separate ourselves from the stress of the modern world. There is no greater need for that separation than right now, with most daily interactions taking place virtually.

Forest bathing, or shinrin-yoku, became popular in the 1980s with the rise of technology and computers. Shinrin-yoku gave people relief from technology-induced burnout and also helped foster an awareness of the natural world. The East Quabbin Land Trust, with help from the Working Forest Initiative, through UMass Extension and the state Department of Conservation and

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## THE WEARING OF THE GOLD

WARE – Gold finches have been spotted in pairs on birdfeeders throughout the area, include this couple at a Church Street residence.



Quaboag Regional Middle High School seniors, left to right, Mackenzie Messier, Isabella Clowes and Tommy Snow were busy last Thursday scraping and then repainting the rock in front of the school.

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Last week's Are you old news? The June 20, 1991 photo showed first-grade dinosaurs pterodactyl Stephanie Harder, triceratops Kyle Place, stegosaurus Ryan Siegel, brontosaurus Ashley Haesert and tyrannosaurus Andy Close. Paleontologist Kevin Moriarty is in the background.

If anyone recognizes the individuals or team in this week's photo please send the answer and your full name to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

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Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
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## O'Keefe promoted to lieutenant colonel

WARE — Gwendolyn (Whitcomb) O'Keefe, a Ware native, has successfully completed a master's degree in public health degree from the University of South Florida in December 2019. In January, 2020, the Army promoted her to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

She was born in Ware, to Sylvia (Supczak) Smigiel, of Ware, and Lyle Whitcomb, of East Longmeadow. She graduated from Ware High School in May of 1993, and graduated from Central Community College, Columbus, Nebraska, with her associate of science degree and diploma for practical nursing in May 1998.

She obtained her bachelors of science degree in nursing from the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, in May 2003. A direct commission, she entered the United States Army on Aug. 28, 2003, and attended the Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Houston, Texas.

O'Keefe has served on active duty for over 16 years, with duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as well as two deployments in Baghdad, Iraq and one in Bagram, Afghanistan, totaling 24 months.

She married Major Dan O'Keefe, U.S. Air Force, in 2016 and has one son and two stepchildren who live in Illinois.

O'Keefe, a critical care nurse by military occupational specialty, enrolled in the University of South Florida master's program in the fall of 2015, majoring in public health with a concentration in infection control. This month, she solidified her study focus by completing an epidemiology of infectious diseases graduate certificate.



Turley Publications courtesy photo  
Gwendolyn O'Keefe was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel by the U.S. Army.

## Turley the Turtle

Nancy Corbett and Wren Mascities, of Ware, both found six turtles in the Ware River News last week.

There were six Turley the turtles last week.

## Retire American flags with the Legion, Scouts

WARE — Please drop off worn American flag to the American Legion Post, 45 Maple St. in the bin next to the red shed or the Ware River News office, 80 Main St., during business hours. On Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, the Earle F.

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## Early voting by mail or drop off to Town Hall

WARE — Selectmen voted at their meeting on May 5 to schedule the postponed Annual Town Election of April 13 to Monday June 29.

The election will be held at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main St., and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In an effort to insure for voter protection and safety early voting by mail is being offered to anyone wishing to participate. Stay home, vote in the safety of your home and mail your ballot in rather than worry about voting in person. The town clerk encourages people to take advantage of this benefit.

A notice will be mailed to each household with information on how to obtain a ballot by mail. Please follow the instructions when you complete the 2020 Early Voting Application which will be attached, and be sure to sign and date prior to returning to the Town Clerk. Additional applications are available at [www.ma.gov](http://www.ma.gov) — Elections & Voting (2020 Early Vote Municipal Elections Application).

Upon receipt the town clerk will mail a ballot to each voter who requests one. The ballot can then be returned to via U.S. Mail or by dropping off at Ware Town Hall silver drop box outside the lower level offices.

The Town Clerk will cast each applicant's ballot for them.

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# Hardwick to hold Town Election on June 16 at Hardwick Elementary

## Special and Annual Town Meetings also scheduled

HARDWICK -- In accordance with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, the Board of Selectmen have voted to reschedule the Hardwick Annual Town Election from Monday, April 13, to Tuesday, June 16, at the Hardwick Elementary School located at 76 School House Drive. This law also established and allowed for several things relevant to voter registration, the election date, ballots and other materials, voting in person and alternatives to voting in person such as absentee voting.

In addition Governor Charles Baker signed a COVID-19 Order #13, on March 23, which limits gathering to 10 or fewer people, Order #13 shall not apply to any municipal legislative body, the General Court or the Judiciary. That being said a notice of the rescheduled election date and a sample ballot are available on the town's website [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com) and on [www.mytown-government.org/01031](http://www.mytown-government.org/01031).

A voter registration session will take place at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St, on Friday, June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. The Town Clerk will be working during those hours and will be available by phone at 413-477-6700, ext. 104, to assist anyone needing help registering to vote or who have questions pertaining to their voter registration status or the election. Persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Hardwick, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before June 16

are eligible to register. Those residents meeting these qualifications (who are not already registered to vote in Hardwick) and who have a Massachusetts driver's license can submit their registration online at [www.RegisterToVoteMA.com](http://www.RegisterToVoteMA.com), or print and sign the Voter Registration Form and return it to Town Clerk, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA, 01031, or drop the form into the drop box located outside, near the main entrance of the Municipal Building. Voter registration forms are also available at most post offices.

The law authorizes the Town to use election materials originally prepared with the original election date. Therefore, we will be using the official and absentee ballots that were prepared and dated for the April 13 Annual Town Election. A sample ballot is available for your perusal at the Town's website [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com).

People who are taking precautions related to COVID-19, or are physically unable to come to the polls due to a disability, or will be absent from town during voting hours, or due to religious beliefs is unable to vote in person at the polls, or if they would just prefer not to come to the polls to vote on Election Day, may request an Absentee Ballot to Early Vote. Early Vote-Absentee Ballot applications are available online at [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com) and on the bulletin board at each of the three post offices in Hardwick. Please fill out the application, sign it and mail it to the Town Clerk or drop it in the drop box at the Municipal Office Building. Please allow for ample time for the mailing of the absentee ballot appli-

cation/ballot and for the ballot to be returned to the Town Clerk no later than the close of the polls on June 16, in order for the ballot to be counted. The polls will be open on Election Day for those voters who wish to cast their ballots in person. The town will follow the guidelines set for social distancing, requiring masks being worn by voters as well as poll workers.

**Special Town Meeting**  
A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School. Some of the items to be addressed on the warrant include an article for the reconstruction of Routes 32 and 32A, an article for overdrawn accounts from fiscal 2019, an article for unprovided for accounts in fiscal 2020, and an article to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the costs to plan, design, permit and construct improvements and upgrades to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility, the Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facility and the Route 32A sewer line extension upgrade from Eagle Hill School to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Collection System. The town will follow the guidelines set for social distancing as well as requiring masks being worn by town officials and voters. A voter registration session will be held on Thursday, June 4, at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to register voters who wish to vote at the Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen have also set the date for the Annual Town Meeting to be Wednesday, June 24, at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School.



WARE – Members of AMVETS Post 2577 observed Memorial Day simply at several locations in town including Veteran's Square on Main St.

## VETERANS HONORING VETERANS

WARE – AMVETS Post 2477 observed Memorial Day with low key appearances at several locations in town including the American Legion post on Maple Street.



# House, Senate approve unemployment insurance changes to assist laid-off workers, employers

BOSTON – The House of Representatives and the Senate have agreed to changes in the state's unemployment insurance program to assist Massachusetts residents and employers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren) said Senate Bill 2618 contains provisions extending unemployment benefits by an additional four weeks in certain circumstances, while also protecting employers from rate increases if they are forced to lay off workers due to the 2019 novel coronavirus or the State of Emergency declared on March 10. The bill was enacted in both legislative branches on May 21, and is now on Gov. Charlie Baker's desk for his review and signature.

Senate Bill 2618 calls for extending state unemployment benefits from 26 weeks to 30 weeks, beginning on Jan. 1, 2021, if certain conditions are met. This extension would be implemented whenever initial unemployment claims

filed in any week exceed 100,000, unless the federal government authorizes a period of extended benefits, in which case state benefits will remain in place for 26 weeks until the extended federal benefits have been exhausted.

The number of new unemployment applications filed in Massachusetts typically average between 7,000 and 10,000 per week. Over the last two months, however, 1.23 million new claims have been filed in the state, with about 38.6 million claims filed nationally.

Smola said employers will also see relief under the bill, which prohibits unemployment benefits paid to individuals whose job loss is directly related to the novel coronavirus or the State of Emergency from being charged to an employer or used in the calculation of their experience rate. The bill also prohibits benefits from being charged to an employer's account if the benefits are paid for by federal funds. These changes are retroac-

tive to March 10, and will remain in effect until one year after the bill takes effect or 180 days after the termination of the State of Emergency, whichever is later.

Senate Bill 2618 also gives nonprofit organizations a 120-day extension on their next scheduled unemployment payment without being charged penalties or interest. In addition, it removes language in current state law that caps dependency benefits at 50 percent of an individual's weekly benefit rate, a change that will take effect 540 days (18 months) after the termination of the State of Emergency.

In March, the House and Senate voted to waive the one-week waiting period for unemployment so individuals could begin receiving benefits immediately. The waiver was signed into law on March 18, and will remain in effect for 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.



## Honoring those who died in military service

HARDWICK – The town observed Memorial Day last Sunday with a reading of the names of those who died while serving in the military at several sites, as they do every year, but residents were asked to wear masks and keep social distances. Seen here on the Hardwick Common are Town Clerk Paula Roberts, who read the names at each location, and Donald Martel.

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Recreation, was able to provide a group of women the chance to learn this practice and share their experiences.

With the guidance of Nadine Mazzola, author of the award-winning book "Forest Bathing with your Dog," and founder of New England Nature and Forest Therapy Consulting, participants were led through a meditative, virtual woodland wander. Mazzola is a certified forest therapy-trained by the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides and Programs.

EQLT had hoped to host this workshop in person, but the coronavirus pandemic prevented that from happening safely. The next best thing was to connect area women virtually, after providing them with their "homework" - exploring and experiencing the forests around them. EQLT Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw said, "We did originally plan to have an in-per-

son Forest Bathing workshop for Women Owning Woodlands in our region. The EQLT office was going to be the starting place and then we were going to wander at Mandell Hill. Fortunately, we were able to restructure to a virtual forest bathing experience, which allowed people from other areas participate."

Women that participated in the workshop via Zoom, joined in from all over, including Ware, Hardwick, Gilbertville, Templeton, North Brookfield, Oakham, Lynn and even the Czech Republic. Hailing from all different backgrounds, they all shared the same common ground, a love and appreciation of the forest. Many of the women own acreage with woodlands, while others had access to woodland preserves near their homes. After introducing themselves to each other, the women shared about the woodlands on their properties or near their homes. Some had over 100

acres, some half that, and some less than one acre, but they all had a special outdoor space to which they were connected.

Once the women were acquainted with each other, Mazzola led them through a 20-minute guided meditation. Mazzola asked the women to "float from one sense to the other," using all of their senses to experience their land. Participants were asked, "What did you hear? What were some of the smells? Is there any enjoyment or curiosity or playfulness?"

She asked the women to imagine what it would be like to be rooted somewhere in their special place. When the meditation ended, Mazzola asked the participants what they noticed about their woodlands after they had used their senses to experience it. Many shared the different plants and animals they had noticed, the sounds of planes and lawnmowers mixed in with bird-

calls. One woman commented that the feeling of the sun on her face, reminded her of riding in her parents' car as a child and brought back happy memories.

This workshop was a reminder to take time to slow down and enjoy the natural world around us. Henshaw said, "The primary goal for programming through the Working Forest Initiative is to deepen landowners understanding and commitment to their woodlands through education and peer-to-peer communications. This workshop offering was intended to provide another way to experience the woods and build connections between women woodland owners. Forest bathing is an opportunity to use all our senses when out in the woods, to fully experience the natural world in whatever way feels good to the individual. Forest bathing opens our hearts to the land and commitment to conservation for the future."

# Yard waste drop-off disposal days scheduled for May, June


WARE – The town will be accepting leaves, branches and vegetative debris from Ware yard and property cleanups at the Robbins Road collection site.

Residents will not be required to get a permit for this drop-off and disposal but the debris must be from Ware properties dropped off by property owners or contractors who have been hired to clean Ware properties. Users should be prepared to provide identification that verifies that they

are Ware citizens or working for Ware citizens.

The dates will be Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Leaves and yard waste only will be accepted. Absolutely no trash or other items will be accepted. The maximum size of branches is 12 inches in diameter and there will be no exceptions. Residents are limited to two pick-up-sized trailer loads per property address.



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EDITORIAL

Beat the buzzers

Out on a dusk time stroll, have you heard that familiar, obnoxious buzzing by your ear? The mosquitoes are coming, as if people didn't have enough to worry about with COVID-19, these annoying pests will be descending on our neighborhoods in the coming months and it's best to be cautious and prepared to avoid getting their bites, and potential viruses, including West Nile and Zika, they may carry.

Dr. Craig Stoops, a retired U.S. Navy medical entomologist and chief science officer at Mosquito Authority, a mosquito control company, shares a few helpful tips on how to alleviate mosquito attractiveness to our property and skin.

"Some people are more susceptible to bites than others," Stoops said. "Mosquitoes can be attracted to different chemicals found in human skin. But just because mosquitoes are an inevitable part of summer doesn't mean you're defenseless."

First, make sure there is no standing water around your property. Still water is the ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes and it only needs a tablespoon of water to lay its eggs. Common places of standing water include clogged drain gutters, corrugated drainpipes, bird baths, pet bowls, planters, trash and recycling bins, children's toys and kiddie pools.

Also, trimming trees, shrubs, and other landscape flora helps improve property air circulation, which can sometimes help push mosquitoes out of that area. If planting a garden, put in basil, lavender, and catnip.

"Many people just think of bug spray during mosquito season," Stoop said. "The main idea should be to keep them out of your yard as much as possible."

Make sure to choose mosquito repellents that are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. These repellents have been reviewed and approved to pose minimal risk when use properly. The most common effective ingredients in replants include DEET, picaridin, and oil of lemon eucalyptus, according to Stoops. EPA-approved repellants will provide up to two hours of protection. For more information on the EPA and approved insect repellants, visit [www.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents).

Another tactic to employ against the mosquitoes is proper attire. Studies have shown that mosquitoes are more attracted to dark clothing, so wear lighter colors when out during peak mosquito times. Lightweight, thin materials can be bitten through by a mosquito. Tightly-woven fabrics such as cotton, denim or nylon are more difficult for the bugs to penetrate. Another good alternative is clothing that provides ultraviolet protection, which is typically tightly woven as well.

Finally, a last resort can be professional services. If home prevention measures aren't effective or if you need another opinion on how to improve mosquito cautionary measures, contact the pros. The Mosquito Control Project oversees mosquito control across the commonwealth, including in Berkshire County. For more information, go to [www.mass.gov/service-details/mosquito-control-projects-and-districts](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/mosquito-control-projects-and-districts).

Be safe when enjoying the sunny weather of summer. There are plenty of concerns weighing down people's minds right now without worrying about those buzzing blood-suckers.

Fresh air, a cool breeze and sun on the face is a little comfort we all can look forward to this summer.

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Another favorite fragrant flower

It's safe to say that peonies played a pretty important role in my childhood and what would turn out to be a blossoming love of horticulture. Because my birthday is in early June, we have numerous snapshots of yours truly blowing out the candles with a bouquet of frilly pink flowers in the background. My mom still has the two original plants growing near her porch, and they date back to her grandmother who grew them in the 1930s. Although the flowers fall into the old-fashioned category, they continue to be popular in modern gardens because of their fragrance and form, not to mention their longevity. Here are some tips to keep your peonies thriving for years to come.

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years. If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure. Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that,

bring up your pH by adding lime.

Mail order plants usually arrive bare root. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting. When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

Fertilizing and watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types, will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle-weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the

outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis. Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

My mom is anxious to share her grandmother's plants. No doubt I will be doing some dividing come September. I look forward to having a few of these family heirlooms in my garden for my girls to cherish as I did.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Urges support of End of Life Options Act

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the subject of death has been brought into the forefront of public discourse. However, for those of us working on behalf of the End of Life Options Act (H.1926), the knowledge and the concern that many people routinely die a painful death has been with us for a long time.

So far nine states and the District of Columbia have passed bills similar to H.1926, which seeks to give the terminally ill more control over how much pain they are willing to accept. Certain safeguards are built into the bill (i.e., that the patient must meet with two doctors and a mental health professional within a certain period of time and be physically capable of taking the medication without assistance), but the intent is that a little bit of hope and control can remain with the person even at the end of their lives.

Unfortunately, this bill cannot apply to persons caught up in the current pandemic or to persons who are mentally incapable of understanding the decisions that they are making. I say unfortunately, because my poor cat, who couldn't understand what was happening to her either, was nevertheless legally able to have a peaceful and painless death.



However, there are many sufferers whose suffering could be greatly relieved by choosing to end their lives before the pain becomes intolerable. Let's help them, and maybe eventually ourselves, by contacting our legislators soon and asking them to pass this bill.

More detailed information about the End of Life Options Act and the Death with Dignity movement are readily available on line.

Carol Mays, Warren

TASK FORCE TALK

Helping domestic violence victims during the pandemic

By Peggy Baxter  
Guest columnist

While the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force recognizes that people of all genders are victims of domestic violence, the greater majority are women, and for the purposes of this article, the pronouns "she" and "her" will be used. We do not intend to minimize the seriousness of abuse to any gender or any person, but rather do this for ease of reading.

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task force is genuinely concerned for women and children living with an abusive partner during the current pandemic. There is no "safety valve" or respite now that the abusive partner is home most of the day. The woman has no time and space to breathe, to plan for safety, to recognize her own strengths or to reach out for help.

You may have a friend who feels more and more isolated from her family, friends and coworkers who are her support network, and feels trapped in an unsafe environment from which she sees no escape.

On top of all this, even if it were possible for her and her children to leave this powder-keg of a home, she may fear that she will be exposing herself and her children to contracting COVID 19 if they go to the group setting of a shelter.

So, what can we - concerned family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors - do to help in this volatile situation? We have no handy "How-To Manual" for this current situation, but advice the Task Force has always given to concerned bystanders is still applicable. We just need to be creative in our approach during these days of social distancing.

Reach out to a friend or family member that you know, or suspect, is experiencing abuse. The simple act of checking in with her regularly

by phone may be empowering to her, letting her know that her support system remains strong and intact. Offer to drop off a home-cooked meal on her porch; leave some toys, books or puzzles for her kids; anything you can safely do - while maintaining appropriate social distancing - will be supportive to her and will keep you connected to her. She will know that you are there for her.

For safety's sake, learn all that you can about how to make a safety plan and offer to help your friend create a plan. You will find useful information at <https://www.thehotline.org/help/path-to-safety/>. As part of the safety plan, agree on a code word or phrase for your friend to let you know if she or her children are in danger and need immediate help. This can be something simple, such as "I've gotta go! The soup is burning!" Let her know that when she uses this phrase, you will call 9-1-1 for her.

Remind her that she is a valued friend/ beloved family member/ respected coworker who has done nothing to deserve the abuse. Let her know that she has shown herself to be strong and resourceful in keeping herself and her children safe. And remember that she is the expert in assessing her and her children's level of danger. Listen to her with empathy, not judgment. This includes remembering that you cannot 'rescue' her. Although it is difficult to see someone you care about being hurt, ultimately, she is the one who has to make the decisions about what she wants to do. It is important for you to support her, no matter what she decides, and to help her find a way to safety and peace.

Resources are still available. Even during this troubled time in the world, there is still help and hope for her and her children. Restraining orders can be obtained by calling the local police department or by calling the courts directly. Offer to go with her. Shelters are still open, although many are now hous-

ing women and children in hotels in order to allow for social distancing. At Behavioral Health Network, domestic violence advocates are available by phone at 413-967-6241, ext. 58535, or cell phone at 413-262-7103. The Task Force has a small cadre of trained domestic violence chaplains who are also available by phone at 413-758-0605. If possible, you can also share the following hotline phone numbers:

Womanshelter/Companeras (Holyoke): 413-536-1628 (24/7)

YWCA (Springfield): 413-733-7100 924/7

New Hope (Worcester): 800-323-4673 (24/7)

Safe Passage (Northampton): 413-586-5066 (weekdays 11 am - 7 pm)

Safe Link state-wide hotline: 877-785-2020 (24/7) (keeps inventory of shelter beds)

National DV Hotline: Can help by text when talking isn't safe. Text LOVEIS to 22522

We've all heard the saying: "It takes a village to raise a child." It also takes a concerned community to keep the vulnerable members of the community safe. The simple, caring acts of friendship may help more than you can imagine. Staying connected with you may be the very thing that gives a woman hope for her future and the future of her children.

We hear well-deserved praise for the many heroes in our communities these days, those who are going above-and-beyond to keep us healthy, safe and fed. You, too, can be a hero in a friend or family member's life by letting her know that you see her, you care for her, you believe in her and you will support her in any way that you can.

*Peggy Baxter is a domestic violence chaplain and a member of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force. To learn more visit the Task Force on Facebook, or contact us at [wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com), at [www.waredvtaskforce.org](http://www.waredvtaskforce.org), or at 413-758-0605.*

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# Leadmine Mountain *offers lots of trails*

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff writer

STURBRIDGE — The Town of Sturbridge is home to about 6,000 acres of open space, approximately 20 percent of the town's 30,000 acres. One of these open spaces is the Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area which encompasses 880 acres and is open to the public for activities such as hiking, running, mountain biking, and more. There are three different parking areas including: 197 Leadmine Road (includes handicapped parking), 10 Shattuck Road and 10 Old Sturbridge Access Road.

We decided to hike to the Old Growth Trail, located off of parking area #3 at 10 Shattuck Road, to see how the landscape has changed since a tornado passed through the area in 2011, altering it as we know it. Many of the large pine trees that fill the Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area came down due to the tornado damage.

Located near Interstate 84, 10 Shattuck Road parking area #3, follows the old roads of the Robinson Crusoe Camp. The paved road gives way to hard-packed, wide trails

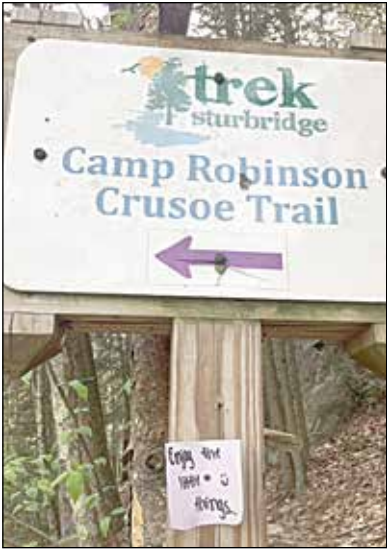
known as Trek Trails, or TT. This type of trail is easy to moderate in footing, and accessible to wheeled devices. A fully detailed listing of the trails and terrain can be found at [www.SturbridgeTrails.com](http://www.SturbridgeTrails.com).

Leaving the parking area, we hiked down the Camp Robinson Crusoe Trail and connected to the Arbutus Park Trail, along the Hamant Brook. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has taken action to restore the habitat along Hamant Brook, after three dams were removed in late 2017. The dam removal has helped to improve water quality in the river, in addition to improving the habitat of coldwater fish, the endangered wood turtle and other creatures. Broken shells from mussels found along the sides of the trail, show that life abounds in the waterway. A pair of mallard ducks could be seen walking across the marshy banks of the brook.

We made it to the start of the Old Growth Trail before my young explorers decided to turn back for the day. They are eager to return and enjoy a trail meal at the picnic table located off Eli's Way, and have further explorations of the trails on their bicycles.



Signs that a pileated woodpecker lives nearby.



A friendly message reminds us to "enjoy the little things" at the start of the Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area trail.



A downed pine tree.



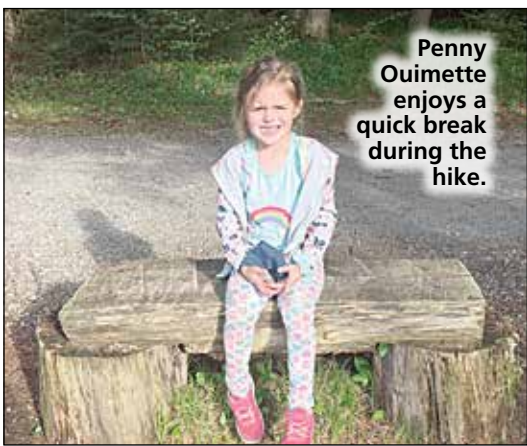
Traces of the old Camp Robinson Crusoe still remain.



Arbutus Park Bridge 01 features a comfortable bench.



Young saplings protected with wire cages, can be seen along Hamant Brook.



Penny Ouimette enjoys a quick break during the hike.



Beavers appear to be very active throughout the area.



Baltimore orioles enjoy oranges, as do other wild birds.

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Sadie Ouimette, left, and Quinn Ouimette, practice their nature photography skills.

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he said. Nason said erecting a fence wouldn't necessarily keep people out.

"An effort has to be made to protect the building," Lavoie said. "If there is no action we're going to have a bigger problem." He said he was worried a neighborhood child might be attracted to the building.

It was agreed the building inspector would go to the site and determine if immediate action was necessary.

## CDBG

Nardi said the project to reconstruct Moore Avenue and Lombard Street is moving forward with the low bidder being Martin & Sons, of Ludlow. Residents should expect those roads to be torn up over the summer. Construction should start around June 1, he said. Selectmen voted to have Nardi sign contracts for the project.

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Quaboag Regional Middle High School seventh-grader Cassidy Kretkiewicz places a flag on a veterans grave. Her dad and other family members are veterans so it was important to her to help place flags for Memorial Day.



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Quaboag Regional Middle High School seventh-grader Jason O'Keefe places a flag on the grave of his grandfather, who was a veteran.

## Students help place flags

WARREN — Quaboag Regional Middle High School seventh-graders helped Veteran's Agent Gary Lapine and members of the

Veteran's Council place flags at St. Paul and Pine Grove cemeteries in Warren for Memorial Day. Volunteers wore masks and

kept socially distant to complete this yearly display of respect for Veterans despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

## West Brookfield, Warren hold voter registration sessions

WEST BROOKFIELD/WARREN — West Brookfield Town Clerk Sarah J. Allen and Warren Town Clerk Nancy J. Lowell are holding two voter registration sessions for the upcoming Annual Town Elections and Annual Town Meetings.

The Annual Town Election, to be held Tuesday, June 16, in both

towns, and the voter registration will be held on Friday, June 5. Registration hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 23, with a voter registration session on Wednesday, June 3, with registration hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Samantha Lacey named to UVM dean's list

WARREN — Samantha Lacey, Class of 2022, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester at the University of Vermont. Lacey is from Warren and is in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## Ware Junior Senior High School yearbooks can be ordered

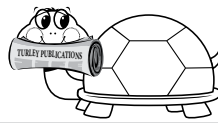
WARE — The Ware Junior Senior High School yearbook advisor and staff are working hard to complete both of the yearbooks and make sure they are printed.

Due to the uncertainty of school schedules and limited copies, the school asks that students order their yearbooks.

It can be ordered online at [JostensYearbooks.com](http://JostensYearbooks.com) or by calling 1-877-767-5217 from 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Central Standard time Monday through Friday.

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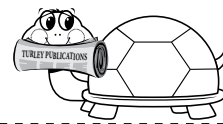
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QRMHS Principal Stephen Duff captures seniors prepping the rock in front of the school so they can repaint it with a "Class of 2020" logo. QRMHS Superintendent Dr. Brett Kustigian and Duff came out to see how the work was progressing.



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QRMHS senior Darion Hannah picks paint off the rock in front of the school.



QRMHS seniors, left to right, Darion Hannah, Mackenzie Messier, Isabella Clowes and Tommy Snow pick off peeling paint as they prepare to repaint the rock with "Class of 2020."



QRMHS Principal Stephen Duff stops by to help seniors scrape the rock in front of the school last Thursday, as they prepared it for paint. Senior Caitlin Rice is at right and Tommy Snow can be seen sitting on the rock.

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may also have been created with the creation of signs celebrating each senior, which were delivered to each of their homes by a school staff member.

They still have their awards ceremony to look forward to, although it will be online, and caps and gowns day, leading up to a revised graduation. School officials had hoped to hold a graduation ceremony similar to a regular graduation, but with social distancing restrictions, after more than half of the parents surveyed said they wanted to go forward with a regular graduation. The town's Board of Health would not approve it for health safety reasons. School officials are still planning a ceremony, but it may be that each graduate drives up for their diploma in the school's parking lot.

Rice said their class got a bumpy start in the fall of their freshman year when Christian Congelos, one of their fellow freshmen, was killed in a fatal car accident on Nov. 7, 2017, along with two other Quaboag students, Jaclyn Desrosiers and Lena Ann Noonan. Noonan would have graduated last June and Desrosiers would have graduated next June.

"He would have been a senior this year," said Rice, who is the class historian. "His family got a sign for him just as we all got signs, and he's on the banners around school. We will also be wearing flowers on our gowns, with a small blue ribbon, to remember him, which I think is really nice."

As students look to the past and the future, they're also still enjoying the present, spending time together painting the rock. They even threatened to have senior skip day even though there's no school to leave, instead heading for the school they haven't to since mid-March except briefly to pick up their belongings.

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QRMHS seniors Darion Hannah, Mackenzie Messier, Isabella Clowes, Tommy Snow and Caitlin Rice stand by the rock in front of the school as they take a minute during prep work.

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poem by  
his great-  
grandfather  
during the  
Memorial Day  
ceremony  
in Ware on  
Monday.



During the playing of taps, Ware Cemetery Director Craig Simmons raised the American flag.

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"We assemble once more to pay to our ancestors our tribute of love and respect and with-in these sacred bonds to pledge anew our dedication to their memory and the principles for which they fought," Knight said. "With bowed heads, solemn tread and voices hushed, we meet to remind our people of their duty to the soldiers, sailors and Marines who wore the blue; to the flag for which they fought, to the to the country for which they died and that it is for us to keep green the memories of their heroic service and unselfish sacrifices."

Ware Cemetery Commissioner Craig Simmons said the group was there to honor all of the veterans who are buried in the town and their loved ones.

"Our lives have changed, but one thing that must not change is our remembrance of all these individuals," he said. "I'd like to read you a poem written by my great-grandfather, A.A. Chickering. It was presented on Nov. 4, 1919, the one-year anniversary of the end of the first world war."

He added that he has always wanted to read it for either Veterans Day or Memorial Day.

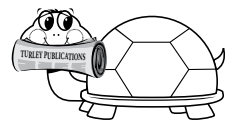
The poem titled, "He sleeps in France," is about those soldiers that reside overseas, having died during World War I.

"How beautiful it is to sleep/in hallowed soil, secure in fame/where nations pause with tribute sweet to consecrate the soldier's name," reads the poem. "Perchance some pretty village maid/whose soldier brother bravely died/may scatter flowers on his grace/in loving sympathy and pride."

Following the reading, Knight played taps and Bill Cote, of Ware, fired three shots in honor of those who died.

Ware resident and Cemetery Commission member Julie Bullock said she was touched by the small ceremony.

"I was told by Bill and Craig that even if no one came, we always have to commemorate this holiday and have this service," she said.



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## London showcase postponed by Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the inaugural Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase originally scheduled for December 6, 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was expected to feature Marist College vs. University of Maryland, Baltimore and University of Kentucky vs. University of Michigan.

“As we navigate these unprecedented times, the Basketball Hall of Fame has remained vigilant in placing health and safety above all else,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “Unfortunately, the unknown combination of health, safety, international travel regulations and the economic viability for all parties involved has required us to postpone this highly anticipated event at The O2. We look forward to hosting a fantastic event in 2022.”

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase will now take place Sunday, December 4, 2022 at The O2 arena and will be televised domestically by ESPN / ABC. The event will remain a part of the Kentucky and Michigan three-year series, now facing-off in Ann Arbor in 2021, London in 2022 and Lexington in 2023.

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase is one event in the Hall of Fame’s series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. At this point in time, the Basketball Hall of Fame has not cancelled or postponed any domestic collegiate events scheduled for the fall and winter of 2020.

All fans who have purchased a ticket to the 2020 Hall of Fame London Showcase will receive a full refund automatically to the method used for purchase within 14 business days. During these unprecedented times it may take longer for funds to credit your account. Tickets for the 2022 Hall of Fame London Showcase will go back on-sale for December 4, 2022 in January or February of 2022.

## Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league is hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

## Boys track was coming off great winter, poised for better spring

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BARRE – Boys track has been successful in recent years both inside and outside. Matt Castriotta has been very proud of his teams have performed recently, and was looking forward to following up on a great indoor track season during the winter.

The Panthers were set to have eight very talented seniors take the outdoor track this spring, and saw their season cut off completely.

Noah Herzig was due for a big spring in the sprinting events and the javelin throw.

“He would have been one of the top in those events at the Central-West meet,” said Castriotta. “He and the rest of the javelin relay team were aiming to break a 30-year record at the district relays this spring.”

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Seth Talbot from Quabbin goes up for vaults last year.

## State cancels American Legion baseball for 2020

REGION – American Legion state department chairman Richard Paster issued a statement about the cancellation of the 2020 season:

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the National Organization has decided to cancel the 2020 Season effective immediately due to the continuing events resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Legion National Organization is implementing the following directives relating to The American Legion National Organization national baseball program for the 2020 season which the Department of Massachusetts hereby incorporates in its instructions for all Post and Outside Sponsored teams in Massachusetts:

1. Any and all previous 2020 American Legion National Organization memos regarding the national baseball program for the 2020 season are retracted and replaced by the following.

2. The American Legion National Organization has canceled all 2020 season’s Regional Tournaments and The American Legion World Series and the Department of Massachusetts hereby cancels all Department Tournaments.

3. Concurrently, The American Legion National Organization has shut down all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season and The Department of Massachusetts hereby shuts down its sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season.

4. This shutdown of all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season means that those baseball teams that wish to continue playing 2020 season baseball shall be participating in a sporting event not sponsored, nor endorsed in any manner by The American Legion National Organization and/or The Department of Massachusetts, but sponsored and endorsed solely by the group the team is named.

5. Any baseball team that continues play in the 2020 season sponsored by the group the team is named must understand that its team is not playing as an American Legion National Organization nor Department of Massachusetts “registered” baseball team nor is it playing in an American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program.

6. The complete cancellation of the 2020 American Legion National and Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball season means there is no American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program “national or department rules,” nor are there “national or department guidelines,” as there is no 2020 American Legion national or Department of Massachusetts involvement.

7. In other words, if an American Legion Post or other type of sponsored team has a 2020

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## Tri-County Baseball League cancels 2020 season

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HOLYOKE – The executive board for the Tri-County Baseball League has made the decision to cancel the 2020 season despite considering playing a bit later schedule in the summer.

Last Wednesday, the board announced their decision following a meeting of the league.

Karl Oliveira, who runs the St. Joseph’s team in the league as well as serves as the league’s secretary and treasurer, made the announcement in the form of an email to the league’s returning players and coaches.

“The Executive Board of the TCL voted 4-0 not to move forward to play baseball for this year’s season,” said Oliveira. “The

2020 season for the TCL has been officially canceled.”

Due to the concerns set forth by the COVID-19 pandemic and the way the league is situated, the league cited a vast number of factors in making the decision to cancel the season.

The league cited player, coach, umpire, and fan safety as the top priorities. Further, the league stated the safety of extended families in making the decision.

Expanding, Oliveira cited certain fields would not have concessions stands or restrooms open to the public, including sani-cans.

He said the rules from town-to-town would also weigh heavily in the teams’ ability to get home fields for play.

“Some fields may allow you to play on them some fields may not

allow you to play on them,” said Oliveira.

One of the biggest factors in even coming up with a modified schedule is the fluidity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ phased approach to re-opening the state. He said games would not be able to be played until July at the earliest. He said with that timeline, any setback would have been very restrictive to the schedule and could have cost the league and its players a lot of money.

The Tri-County League has been typically a weekday league with just a few weekend games. The National Division, which was brought in using the defunct Full Count League did have some weekend games, but also played many games during the week.

Oliveira also said simple social

distancing and the cleaning of equipment, as well as sanitizing surfaces like benches and other dugout areas were also factors considered in the cancellation decision.

He also cited sponsors. The league questioned whether sponsors, especially those with limited or no business since the outbreak would be able to contribute funding to the league.

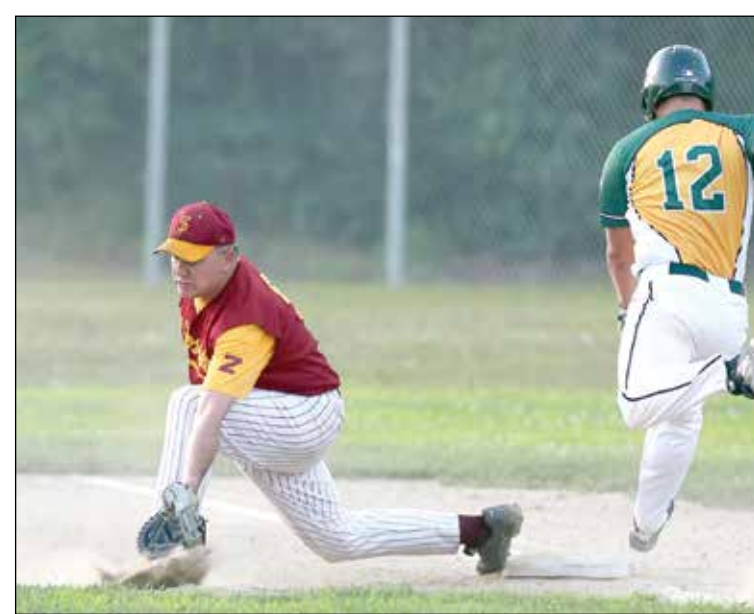
Among the costs, more than \$5,500 for insurance, and there was no guarantee if the league itself or somewhere else experienced an outbreak, would the league have to shut back down and be out all of the money for the revised schedule.

“To say we are disappointed, is

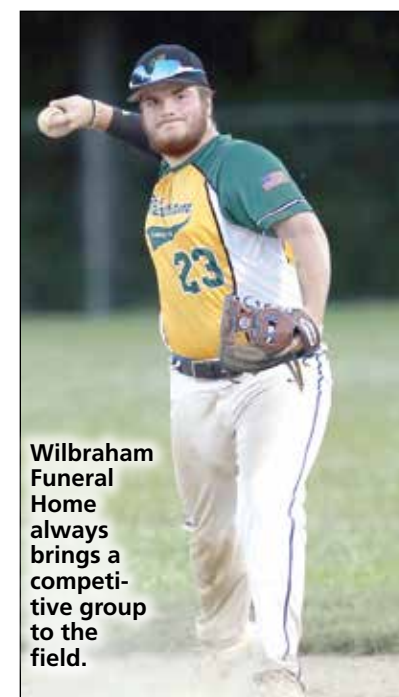
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PeoplesBanks would have been going for its eighth consecutive playoff title. The Bankers have been the top team in the league for a long time with powerful hitting and a dedicated pitching staff.



St. Joseph’s has always been a top rival for PeoplesBank and a mainstay in the league based out of Palmer.



Wilbraham Funeral Home always brings a competitive group to the field.

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# Landowners eligible for MassConn’s Sustainable Forest Partnership

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REGION – Landowners who own woods in south central Massachusetts or who have a forest management plan could consider looking into MassConn’s Sustainable Forest Partnership, which is a program that’s helping landowners apply for United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service’s cost-share funding to implement conservation practices on their land.

The program is part of a \$6.1 million Southern New England Heritage Forest conservation initiative, an unprecedented three-state collaboration involving the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island and made possible through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program of the NRCS.

Grant funds are available to pay for about 75 percent of the cost of conservation practices to improve forest health and productivity and enhance wildlife habitat. Also, landowners will have the opportunity to choose and work with a Massachusetts Licensed Forester to implement activities such as forest stand improvement and thinning, salvaging dead and dying oak trees, and more. Ideally, this program is ideally suited landowners who have a forest management plan at the stewardship level and own more than 10 acres of woods, according to the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership.

“We estimate that a range of 1,500 to 2,000 potential landowners could be eligible in the area for our program,” said Ed Hood, coordinator with the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership and executive director of the

Opacum Land Trust. “In addition to individuals and families who own woodlands, the program is also open to other types of private landowners including nonprofit land trusts, conservation organizations and institutions.”

As for conservation practices, landowners can use a wide range of practices approved by the NRCS. Practices are anticipated to be forest stand improvement and thinning, restoration of woods impacted by gypsy moth damage, invasive plant control and management, construction and stabilization of woodland access trails, and forest bird and wildlife habitat enhancement.

“All landowners who apply for funding will need to have an NRCS-approved forest management plan,” Hood said. “For those who don’t already have one, the program also provides cost share funding for landowners to hire a licensed forester to develop a forest management plan and conduct a bird habitat assessment for their property. Landowners who own more than ten acres are eligible to have their plan approved by the state Department of Conservation and recreation and participate in the state’s Chapter 61 tax reduction programs.”

Hood said the program runs until the summer of 2022, so funding will be available over the next two or more years.

“Landowners who are interested in participating in the program will follow an application and implementation process that follows NRCS requirements and will take several months to more than a year to see a project through to completion,” said Hood. “For most landowners, forest management is a long-term endeavor. Some improvements will be seen very quickly, while others may take years to become fully appar-

ent.” Regarding the need to maintain or restore forested areas, Hood said that healthy forests provide several vital functions for their communities. One is that forests filter and protect ground water, providing the region with its primary source of fresh drinking water, whether it’s taken from wells or from surface reservoirs.

“Without forests, the cost of providing clean drinking water would be a heavy burden on users and taxpayers,” said Hood.

Another reason is forests filter and clean the air, removing large amounts of particulate matter from the air we breathe. “Forests also generate oxygen while absorbing and storing carbon dioxide,” said Hood. A healthy forests also provide economic opportunity from wood products such as timber, firewood and maple syrup, he said.

“Tourism to the parks, state forests, conservation areas, and lakes and rivers are an important part of the region’s tourism economy,” said Hood. “Hunting, fishing, birdwatching, camping, and hiking are all important parts of our rural life and tourism to our region. Without healthy forests, these activities would disappear.”

Professional forester Christopher Riely, who is also coordinating this project, said this program covers over 28 towns that lie between Springfield and Worcester. This includes towns such as Ware Belchertown, Brimfield, Hampden, Holland, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer and Wales, among others.

The state’s NCRS has frequent application review deadlines, so those who are interested in applying can do so at any time. To get started, contact Riely at christopher@sweetbitchconsulting.com or call 401-225-6135.



With a parade lasting for over an hour, hundreds of people gathered to make sure World War II veteran and West Brookfield resident Everett Allen didn’t miss a Memorial Day parade or ceremony this year.

All while social distancing, bagpipers played for Everett Allen, as part of a parade planned on social media for the World War II veteran.

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Wearing his mask all the while and maintaining social distance, Allen stood at the bottom of his driveway as the parade went by.

“It was the biggest parade I’ve seen,” Allen said, after the parade was completed.

With fire, police and EMS vehicles, local businesses, as well as residents in their cars, the parade featured posters, salutes and shouts to Allen thanking him for his service.

Allen served in World War II in what would later be known as the Air Force; he was a tail gunner and eventually was captured by the Germans where he became a Prisoner of War.

Allen recounted that he was captured, put into a work camp and was part of the “Black March” until he was liberated by the Allies.

Since that day, every year he has dressed in his uniform and this year was no different – at least in that sense. He was able to go to local cemeteries and pay his respects as well.

“I’ve been around for a while, I know most of the names on the stones,” he said. “That’s why we’re here.”

However, this year was a surprise to Allen. “It was wonderful,” he said. “I was planning on doing a small get together with a few people, but this was a big surprise.”

While he was the man of the hour, Allen said he “is just another one of those guys.”

“I’m still here,” he said. “I’m very fortunate.”



While driving in the parade past Everett Allen’s house, some people played music like this man who played “Yankee Doodle Dandy” on the flute.



Turley Publications staff photos by Melina Bourdeau Standing at the end of his driveway in West Brookfield, Everett Allen stood and waved to those in cars and other vehicles and on motorcycles who drove by his home as part of an impromptu Memorial Day parade.



Following the car parade by his home, Everett Allen then lead the parade in the passenger’s seat.

## Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Bottle, Can Drive

WARE – Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to hold a drop off based Bottle and Can drive at this time. However, if you have four or more bags

of bottles and cans, as many as you have, the troop is more than willing to set up a pick up at peoples’ homes. Please contact Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-

297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net. Thank you for the continued support of your local Boy Scout program.

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an understatement,” said Oliveira. “This board knows how all of us feel about playing baseball, especially in a league that has been going since 1949.”

Tri-County still plans to hold its

annual golf tournament. The TCL Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 3, at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown, is still on for this year. There will be more details on this event to follow in the coming weeks.

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19. Geological periods  
20. Assists  
22. Comedienne Gaster  
23. Jewish spiritual leader  
24. English soccer club  
27. Body art  
30. No (Scottish)  
31. Clumsy person  
32. Swiss river  
35. Belittled  
37. Luxury car  
38. Single sheet of glass in a window  
39. Monetary units  
40. Supervises flying
41. Indian term of respect  
42. Breezed through  
43. The bill in a restaurant  
44. Flower cluster  
45. Moved quickly  
46. Shooters need to do it  
47. High schoolers’ test  
48. Split pulses  
49. Salts  
52. Breaking Bad actor \_\_\_ Paul  
55. Set ablaze  
56. Semitic Sun god  
60. Nervous system cells  
61. Tourist destination Buenos \_\_\_  
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6. Intricately decorative  
7. American state  
8. Type of tumor  
9. Midway between east and southeast  
10. On a line at right angles to a ship’s length  
11. Fruit of the service tree  
12. Grouch  
13. Romanian city  
21. Units of loudness  
23. British Air Aces  
25. Small amount  
26. Hem’s partner  
27. Turkic people  
28. Member of the banana family  
29. Liam Neeson franchise  
32. Expressed pleasure  
33. Inward-directed part of psyche  
34. Insurgent  
36. Unhappy  
37. Gateway (Arabic)  
38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)  
40. Well-known  
41. Satisfies  
43. ‘\_\_\_ death do us part  
44. Jailhouse informant  
46. French river  
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49. Drenches  
50. Clouds  
51. Companies need to make them  
52. Created from seaweed  
53. One’s school: \_\_\_ mater  
54. A type of act  
57. Member of Russian people  
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59. Monetary unit  
61. Play a role  
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Following a car parade by his home, the parade made a brief stop to cemeteries in West Brookfield in honor of Memorial Day.

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Seth Talbot was the pole vault champion that made it all the way to the New England meet last year. Castriotta was predicting Talbot had a chance to do it again.

“He also had a shot at breaking Quabbin’s outdoor pole vault record,” said Castriotta.

Deven Thomas was both a jumper and a sprinter.

“He was part of the record-setting 4x100 meter relay teams last spring and would have been a force on the track and in the field this year,” the coach said.

Lukas Anderson was one of the top distance runners on the team.

“He as coming off a breakthrough season this winter,” said Castriotta. “He and the rest of the 4x800 were hoping to break the outdoor 4x800 record after breaking the indoor 4x800 record this spring. They were strong contenders to win the Central-West meet and punch their ticket to the state championship meet.”

Ben Weah was a sprinter.

Castriotta believed he had a shot at winning the 100 meter at districts.

Hector Johnson ran multiple events was looking for the school record in the long jump.

Elliott Walsh was a middle distance runner looking to add the mile to his repertoire.

“He was also a member of the record setting indoor 4x800 team this winter,” said Castriotta.

Gino Gabrielli won the discus event last year in the sectionals.

“He was hoping to win the gold at states and punch his ticket to New England’s,” said Castriotta.

Castriotta was looking forward taking the talent to sectionals and beyond this year.

“As you can see, this year’s senior class was loaded with talent,” said Castriotta. “They seemed destined to win their third district title in three years. I think the 2020 outdoor track and field team would have been the strongest team in the history of the school with a record number of kids qualifying for states, New England’s and Nationals. Beyond the statement they would have made on the



File photos Quabbin’s Gino Gabrielli throws discus at the Central-West Meet last spring

track and in the field, and more importantly, they were an amazing group of young men who I

had the honor and pleasure of coaching for many years. I will miss each one of them.”



# All Saints, St. Mary's new schedule for Masses

WARE – All Saints and St. Mary's reopening during COVID-19 includes the following restrictions. During COVID-19 Church occupancy at St. Mary's will be limited to no more than 100 to 120 people per service, and All Saints will be limited to no more than 140 to 160 people per service. The Mass schedule has been adjusted to be able to serve all people and also have time for cleaning between services and before weekends.

Masses are as follows:  
Monday: All Saints 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration until 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: All Saints 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration until 8:30 a.m. and Prayer to St. Jude  
Wednesday: St. Mary's 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration till 8:30 a.m. and Miracle Medal Novena  
Thursday: St. Mary's 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration till 8:30 a.m.

Friday and Saturday Morning – no services  
Saturday:  
4 p.m. Mass at All Saints  
5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's  
Sunday:  
8 a.m. Mass at All Saints  
9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's  
12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's  
5:15 p.m. Mass at All Saints  
Confession:  
All Saints Chapel Only:  
Saturdays 3 to 3:30 p.m.  
Mondays 5:30 to 6 p.m.

# Cat thrives after undergoing uncommon life-saving surgery

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Veterinarian Kristen Cormier first met Buddy last year when he came to Second Chance Animal Services' North Brookfield Community Veterinary Hospital to be neutered. His owner had fed him outside her home for three years, slowly winning his trust. She took apart a dog carrier, insulated it, and added blankets for him in the winter so he could stay warm. He was a bit shy, but food was his weak spot. She won him over when she was able to pet his head; he loved it, and decided pets were a wonderful thing. Soon Buddy was sleeping inside. When he started spraying to mark his territory in her home, she brought him to Second Chance to be neutered. Dr. Kristen Cormier found an abscess on one of his legs during his neuter. "Intact cats living outside frequently get into very bad fights but once they are neutered the fighting stops," Cormier said. She prescribed antibiotics and a four-month quarantine for the injury and when he got home, the spraying stopped completely. Buddy was thriving inside and gained a lot of weight in the next year. He weighed in at over 23 pounds when his owner, concerned that he was unable to defecate, brought him back to Second Chance. Veterinarians tried to help him with numerous enemas, stool softeners, intravenous fluids and

other medications but nothing was working. He was very uncomfortable, and Buddy was running out of options. "Euthanasia was discussed as a way to end his suffering," said Cormier. "I kept in touch with his owner over the weekend, but nothing was happening. I researched a procedure that would help Buddy and told his owner that I had never done it before but if she was up for trying it then so was I. I came in on Monday hoping to solve his problems for good." Cormier removed 90% of Buddy's colon in a procedure not commonly performed in private practice - a subtotal colectomy. The procedure went very well, and Buddy had a very smooth recovery. "Buddy is defying the odds and his long-term outlook is great." He is now back at home and healed. He has lost some weight which has made him much more agile and he enjoys chasing the girl cats around the house. According to his owner, Buddy's favorite thing to do is follow her outside when she refills the bird feeders. She said it's like walking a dog. He comes right back inside. Maybe it gives him a little taste of his previous life while still enjoying the safety of living inside. Buddy does have a twin brother that his owner is still feeding outside. He is still not too sure about humans; he doesn't know what



Turley Publications courtesy photo  
**Buddy with Dr. Kristen Cormier during a surgery recheck at Second Chance, following an operation that saved his life.**

he's missing. Buddy's surgery is just one of the many life-saving surgeries performed at Second Chance's hospitals during the COVID-19 stay-at-home advisory. The nonprofit hospitals have seen a marked increase in the number of urgent and emergency cases. Second Chance also operates vet hospitals in Springfield and Worcester and plans to open their first educational hospital in Southbridge next summer in conjunction with Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

# Smola supports \$1.7B bond bill to fund information technology upgrades

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) joined with his House colleagues to support a comprehensive bond bill that invests \$1.7 billion for information technology, public safety, food security and data and cyber-security improvements throughout state and local government. House Bill 4733, An Act financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth, was engrossed by the House of Representatives on a vote of 149-7 on May 20, with most members continuing to vote remotely to comply with social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic. Smola said this is a multi-year bond bill that is designed to replenish funding in many areas that were last funded in 2014. In addition to providing \$165 million to improve the efficiency of state information technology resources and guard against cyber-attacks, the bond bill also includes \$23.4 million in grants for public and nonprofit entities to implement local information technology improvements and address other capital needs, along with \$10 million to help federally qualified health centers develop hardware and software solutions to protect medical and business data. House Bill 4733 also establishes a \$36.5 million food security program within the Department of Agricultural Resources to support food banks, farm stands, elder services, and other food distribution channels disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition,

the bond bill provides \$5 million to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to develop a system to make it easier for applicants and recipients of MassHealth and the Medicare Savings Program to access benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program if they are eligible. Smola said the bond bill funds a series of grant initiatives to assist cities and towns with their IT and capital needs, including a \$40 million program to help public school districts establish, enhance and expand remote learning opportunities for students, and a \$20.5 million program to help municipalities fund the construction of fiber optic broadband infrastructure and related projects, with priority given to areas that are currently unserved. At least \$500,000 of this funding will be dedicated to regional planning agencies working with multiple communities on regional broadband infrastructure planning. Additional municipal grant programs funded through the bond bill include: \$6.5 million for cities, towns, school districts and nonprofit entities for public school information technology improvements and other capital needs; \$5 million for the Community Compact Information Technology Grant Program; \$101 million for general improvements and capital upgrades to municipal facilities; \$10 million for cities and towns to make modifications to governmental infrastructure to improve accessibility; \$115 million to support approved municipal library proj-

ects; and \$25 million for fire departments to purchase firefighter safety gear and equipment. Smola noted that the bond bill allocates \$30 million for safety and security improvements at the state's public colleges, \$10 million of which is dedicated to Massachusetts' community colleges. This funding can be used for a wide range of safety needs, including campus police training, as well as the purchase of emergency communication systems, cameras, emergency call boxes and active shooter detection systems. Other public safety initiatives funded in the bond bill include: \$5 million for grants to public and nonprofit entities for investments in public safety information technology, equipment and other capital needs; \$10 million for improvements to facilities operated by the Department of Fire Services, including the establishment of a Southeastern Massachusetts firefighter training facility; \$92.5 million for the replacement of State Police cruisers and equipment; and \$30 million for medical, security, safety and communications equipment, as well as vehicles, for the Department of Correction and other agencies within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. House Bill 4733 now moves to the Senate for its consideration. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

## Daniel T. Boivin

WARE – Daniel T. Boivin, 64, of Ware, died on Saturday, May 23, 2020, at his home following a brief illness.



He leaves his wife of 40 years, Diane E. Schaffner-Boivin, of Ware; his children, Amber MacIntosh, and husband, Kevin, and granddaughter, Autumn, Heather Boivin, and her boyfriend Devlin, and Forrest Boivin, and girlfriend, Ana, and grandson, Noah. He also leaves many nieces and nephews and cousins. He was born in Springfield, son of Leo and Cecile Boivin, of Indian Orchard, and has lived in Ware for 35 years. He attended St. Aloysius, Cathedral High School and HCC and North Adams State.

Daniel worked as a truck driver for a few years with his wife. He then became a local real estate agent. He finally retired from Morgan Stanley, of Springfield, after 17 years as a financial advisor. He enjoyed travels with his family including many trips to Disney World, Hawaii, Iceland and more. He loved to enjoy day trips to Mt. Greylock, building sand sculptures at Jenness Beach and was usually found paddle boarding around Beaver Lake. He was a member of Beaver Lake Club and enjoyed being an assistant

## Death notices

**Boivin, Daniel T.**  
Died May 23, 2020  
Services Will be held privately  
Charbonneau Funeral Home  
Ware

**Bourgoyne, Joseph D.**  
Died May 24, 2020  
Private Celebration of Life  
at a later date  
Pillsbury Funeral Home  
Brookfield

**Kapinos, Helen A. (Kmiecik)**  
Died May 20, 2020  
Funeral Services were private  
Cebula Funeral Home  
Ware

**Krasnecky, Jennie A. (Nowakowski)**  
Died May 24, 2020  
Services will be held privately  
Charbonneau Funeral Home  
Ware

coach for his son's baseball team at Ware High School. Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or www.danafarber.jimmyfund.org. Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

## Joseph Daniel Bourgoyne

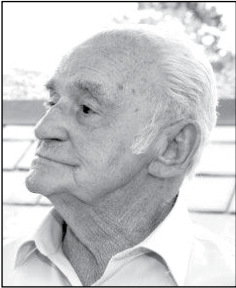
WARREN – Joseph Daniel Bourgoyne, 85, born on March 30, 1935, in Bangor, Maine, passed away suddenly on May 24, 2020, in his home in Warren.

He was a hard-working man his whole life, becoming a long-time employee of Hardwick Knitted Fabrics until his retirement in 2007. Joe was a man of small stature but a huge presence in the lives of all that knew him. He was a dedicated father to his five children, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his family and holiday gatherings. His love for his family was unconditional, always present and always giving. He taught his children the value of hard work, what it means to be family and to live life to the fullest and on your own terms. His favorite past time was coffee hour with his best friends, Tom and Gerry Ventura and Bob Gagnon. He also

enjoyed fishing, puttering around in the yard on his John Deere, and attending and watching WWE/WWF events with his grandson Dereck.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Hazel (Inman) Carr; his father, Percy Bourgoine; his brother and partner in crime, James E. Burgoyne Sr.; and his granddaughter, Chelsea Perreault. He leaves to cherish his memory his ex-wife and long-time friend, Beverly Allard; his sister-in-law, Regina Burgoyne; his daughter, Bonnie (Donny) Perron; his son, Timmy (Katharine) Perreault; his daughter, Joyce (Dave) Pollack; his daughter, Jody (Paul) Parker-Matt; and his daughter, Tammy (Bill) Bourgoyne-Cieslak. He is also survived by his grandchildren:

Melannie, Lezette, Crystal, Shane, Dereck, Timmy, Andrew, Sean, Steve, Connor, Devon, Jacek and Keenan; 13 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; his brother, Percy (Les) Bourgoine, and his sister, Bobbie Mae Sullivan, both of whom he recently connected with.



If you were lucky... you knew him. If you knew him... you loved him. And in loving him, you will forever miss him. Pepe... the man, the myth, the legend. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Dad/Daddy, as you have always been, you will forever be, with us. We love you always and forever. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield.

## Jennie A. Krasnecky

WARE – Jennie A. (Nowakowski) Krasnecky, 87, of Ware, died on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at her home with her loving family with her.

She leaves two sons, Robert Krasnecky, and his wife, Anne, and Paul Krasnecky, and his wife, Anne, of Ware; one daughter, Susan Portier, of Ware; two sisters, Mary Silva, of Palmer, and Helen Coache, of Three Rivers; four grandchildren, Kristopher, Dawn, Ryan and Joshua; one great-granddaughter, Haylee, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 61years, Anthony J. "Tony" Krasnecky, in 2017, as well as her two broth-

ers, John S. Krasnecky Jr. and Stanley J. Krasnecky. She was born Westfield, daughter of the late John and Anna Mary (Cioch) Nowakowski, and lived in Ware for nearly all of her long life. In addition to taking care of her home, Jennie worked in housekeeping at the former Monson Developmental Center for several years. Jennie loved cooking and traveling with Tony. She was a collector of many different types of treasures – with all of them being heartfelt. Her greatest loves though were her



family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchild. Jennie was a long-time member of St. Mary's Parish in Ware. Services will be held privately, and burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148 or online at http://www.stjude.org/ Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

## Helen A. Kapinos

WARE – Helen A. (Kmiecik) Kapinos, age 94, passed away at Vero of Hampden Healthcare on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 due to complications of COVID-19.



She was born in Ware on Dec. 21, 1925, daughter of the late Stanley and Magdalena (Czaja) Kmiecik, and was a lifelong resident. She worked at the former Ware Knitters, Inc. several years ago, but was a homemaker for most of her life. Her biggest joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Helen was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Ware. She is survived by her beloved son, Stephen M. Kapinos, and his wife, Linda, of Ware, her loving granddaughters, Tina Breault and her husband, David, of Ware, Angela Leathers and her husband, Bradley, of Ware, and Shelley Lander and her husband Peter, of Vershire, Vermont. She also leaves behind her cherished great-grandchildren, David and Sarah Breault, Isabel and Mayanna Lander and Ben Leathers. Her beloved husband, Michael J. Kapinos, predeceased her in 1996. Helen's funeral service and burial were

held privately in Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware. Cebula Funeral Home of Ware was entrusted with the final arrangements. For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneral-home.com.

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public safety

MSP K9 Kantor to receive body armor from Vested Interest in K9s

K9 Kantor’s vest is sponsored by Madeline Hamersley, of Sorrento, Maine, and will be embroidered with the sentiment “In honor of Sandy Marcal.” Delivery is expected within several weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton whose mission is to provide bullet- and stab-protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s Inc. provided over 3,830 U.S. made, custom fitted, NIJ certified protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$6.9 million dollars.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$960. Each vest has a value between \$1,744 to \$2,283 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of four to five lbs. There is an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s Inc. provides information, lists events and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.



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**Massachusetts State Police K9 Kantor will receive a bullet- and stab-protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from a nonprofit Vested Interest in K9s. Inc.**

Ware Police Log

<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>		
12:02 p.m. Vandalism Otis Avenue – Services Rendered	6:30 p.m. Disturbance Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative Find	4:13 p.m. Ambulance Request Main Street – Referred to Other Agency
12:56 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Otis Avenue – Area Searched Negative Find	7:37 p.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Services Rendered	4:34 p.m. Fraud Berkshire Circle – Services Rendered
1:33 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered	8:32 p.m. Disturbance Cottage Street – Area Searched Negative Find	5:59 p.m. Alarm Burglar East Main Street – Services Rendered
1:33 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered		7:07 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative Find
1:47 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered		9:20 p.m. Disturbance Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered
3:08 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000	<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	
3:55 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered	2:10 a.m. Missing Person Meadow Road – Services Rendered	10:51 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Otis Avenue – Investigation Pending
4:29 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Investigated, Report Filed	2:12 p.m. Fire, Report Church Street – Investigation Pending	5:25 p.m. Fraud Cottage Street – Services Rendered
5 p.m. Drug/Narcotic Violation Canal Street – Services Rendered	3:29 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Services Rendered	6:39 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
5:13 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered	6:18 p.m. Harassment Complaint Aspen Street – Advised Civil Action	7:23 p.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road – Referred to Other Agency
9:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Eagle Street – Services Rendered	8:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Services Rendered	7:56 p.m. Harassment Complaint South Street – Services Rendered
10:42 p.m. Accident, Vehicle East Street – Services Rendered	9:58 p.m. Shoplifting Main Street – Investigated, Report Filed	11:42 p.m. Welfare Check East Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
	11:40 p.m. Disturbance Fisherdict Road – Area Searched Negative Find	Arrest: Riyah Gonzalez, 24, Worcester OUI-Liquor or .08%
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>		
12:43 a.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Referred to Other Agency	<b>Friday, May 22</b>	
8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning	5:03 a.m. Ambulance Request Babcock Tavern Road – Services Rendered	
9:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning	5:27 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call North Street – No Police Service Necessary	
11:09 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered	6:59 a.m. Arrest Valley View – Arrest on Warrant	
1:18 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered	2:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Services Rendered	
2:57 p.m. Harassment Complaint Vigeant Street –	3:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Road – Services Rendered	
<b>Sunday, May 24</b>		
12:05 a.m. Alarm Burglar Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered		
12:40 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Area Searched Negative Find		
1:20 a.m. Ambulance Request Winthrop Terrace – Referred to Other Agency		
6:39 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Babcock Tavern Road – Services Rendered		

Warren Police Log

<b>Sunday, May 17</b>		Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Information Taken
12:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued		<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>
2:01 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Chapel Street – Information Taken		5:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Abandoned Main Street – Vehicle Towed
<b>Monday, May 18</b>		11:03 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East Road – Transported to Hospital
3:28 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Devils Lane – Confirmed Misdial		2 p.m. Vandalism High Street – Officer Advised
1:03 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Information Taken		4:24 p.m. Property Damage Carl Street – Report Filed
1:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hillside Avenue – Transported to Hospital		7:02 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Sarty Road – Verbal Warning
3:26 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Town Farm Road – Information Taken		<b>Friday, May 22</b>
4:11 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Information Taken		2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Street – Report Filed		3:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity Main Street – Report Filed
11:18 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Warren Road – Confirmed Misdial		4:21 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hawkes Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:31 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Keys Street – Confirmed Misdial		5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Main Street – Negative Contact
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>		9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
2:46 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/		<b>Saturday, May 23</b>
		9:10 a.m. Fire, Medical

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Emergency Main Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
10:59 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) River Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
1:46 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Manning Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
11:11 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Forest Avenue – Negative Contact

**Sunday, May 24**  
1:04 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Avenue – Investigated

public notices

**TOWN OF WARE**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Planning Board**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**SPR-2020-02**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 AT 7:20 PM** on the application of Forefront Power requesting an **Extension of Time** for Major Site Plan Review (SPR-2018-02) for approved project of 2.6 MW large ground-mounted solar energy facility under item 4.8.3 of the Zoning Bylaw and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. The public is encourage to attend via digital platform Zoom Meetings. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784-604-1861.

**SITE LOCATION: Robbins Road, BANAS FARM, Ware, MA.** Said premises being further described as Assessor’s Map 11, Lot 21 containing approximately 47 acres. Zoned: Industrial (I).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings: [http://www.townof-ware.com/departments/planning\\_department/BoardRecentFilings.php](http://www.townof-ware.com/departments/planning_department/BoardRecentFilings.php).

Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
**Richard Starodoj, Chairman**  
5/28, 6/04/2020

**WARE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**WARE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the “Repairs to Old Belchertown Road over Beaver Brook MassDOT Bridge W-05-024 (OT4)” will be received by the Town Manager’s Office in the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street in Ware, MA 01082 **until 2:00 p.m. local time on June 17, 2020** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, the Town Hall is closed to the public due to COVID-19, the bid opening will be available via conference call/ videotaped. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as “Repairs to Old Belchertown Road over Beaver Brook MassDOT Bridge W-05-024 (OT4)”.

The work consists of partial demolition and replacement of steel stringer ends on the Old Belchertown Road Bridge over Beaver Brook including jacking of the existing superstructure, removal and replacement of deteriorated stringer ends and bearing devices, cleaning and painting of repaired steel, lead paint containment, and milling and overlay at the bridge joints. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: [http://www.tighebond.com/Projects\\_Out\\_to\\_Bid.php](http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php)

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project.

**A pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the bridge site.**

Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

**TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
5/28/2020

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for **Friday, June 12 at 6 p.m.** and in light of COVID-19, will be held virtually as follows:

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81322357037>

**Meeting ID:** 813 2235 7037  
**or Via Dial-in:** (646)-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID

The proposed Marijuana Cultivation Establishment is anticipated to be located at 50 E Main Street, Ware, MA, 01082. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.  
5/28/2020

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**Planning Board**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**SPR-2020-01**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 AT 7:15 PM** on the application of Forefront Power requesting an **Extension of Time** to commence project Major Site Plan Review (SPR-2018-01) for a 1.2MW large ground-mounted solar energy facility under item 4.8.3 Solar Energy Facilities, of the Zoning Bylaw and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. The public is encouraged to attend via Zoom Meetings. The public is encourage to attend via digital platform Zoom Meetings. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784-604-1861.

**SITE LOCATION: Robbins Road capped landfill, Ware, MA.** Said premises being further described as Assessor’s Map 11, Lot 21 (parcel number 17-0-25) containing approximately 16 acres. Zoned: Industrial (I).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings: [http://www.townofware.com/departments/planning\\_department/PlanningBoardRecentFilings.php](http://www.townofware.com/departments/planning_department/PlanningBoardRecentFilings.php).

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**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
**Richard Starodoj, Chairman**  
5/28, 6/04/2020

**Quaboag Regional School District Warrant**  
**Warren - West Brookfield, Massachusetts**  
**Worcester ss**

To the District Secretary:

In the name of the Quaboag Regional School District and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Towns of Warren and West Brookfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts. (Warren - Precinct

A at Charles E. Shepard Municipal Building on 48 High Street in Warren and Precinct B at the Senior Center on 2252 Main Street, West Warren; West Brookfield - Senior Center on 73 Central Street) in said Warren on the **sixteenth day of June, 2020, at eight o’clock in the forenoon**; and in said West Brookfield on the **sixteenth day of June, 2020, at ten o’clock in the forenoon**, and then and there to elect by ballot four members of the Quaboag Regional District School Committee.

**Polls in Warren will open at eight o’clock a.m. and will close at eight o’clock p.m.**

**Polls in West Brookfield will open at ten o’clock a.m. and will close at twelve o’clock p.m. West Brookfield Polls will open again at six o’clock p.m. and will close at eight o’clock p.m.**

Members of the Quaboag Regional District School Committee are elected at a district-wide election with residency requirements. The two candidates from Warren and the two candidates from West Brookfield seeking election to three year terms of office with the greatest number of accumulated votes will be deemed elected to three year terms.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Precincts in the Town of Warren, one copy at the Charles E. Shepard Municipal building, one copy at the Senior Center in West Warren; and in the Town of West Brookfield at the Town Hall building, seven days before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Quaboag Regional School District. Given under our hands this 18th day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.

Signed: A majority of the Quaboag Regional School Committee.  
5/28/2020

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**



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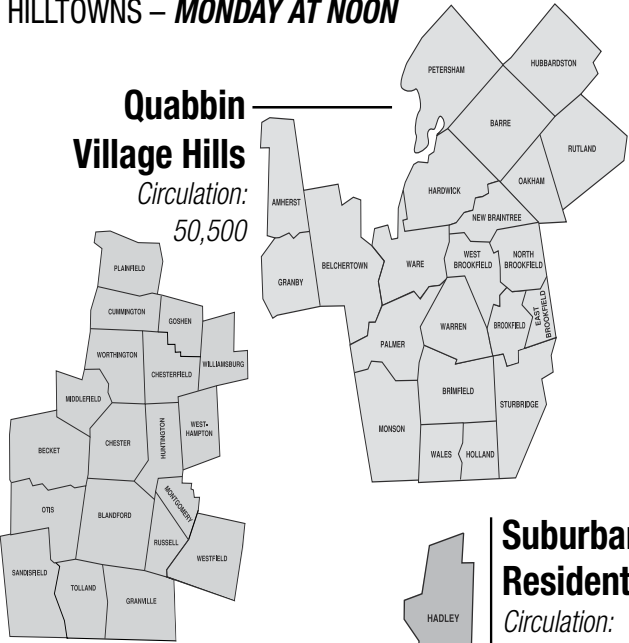
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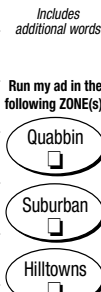
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